MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know the result of those investigations?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: No final result has been arrived at.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any idea to take up the work this year?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Investigations will continue this year also.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know how long will such a state of affair continue?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Until satisfactory source of water supply is available, investigation will be continued.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know whether the amount allotted this year will be spent on the work?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: If such a course is advisable that will be done.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know how much time will it take for arriving at a satisfactory result in this instance?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: There are two or three difficult problems to be faced from the engineering point of view. In addition, certain arrangements have to be settled between the Municipality and the Government in respect of this question. Until that is decided we cannot say definitely what amount will be spent for this purpose.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether Municipality is co-operating in the investigation work?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Yes, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know, have the Municipality is agreed to contribute for this purpose?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: After the investigation is over, the question of part contribution will be considered.

THE PRESIDENT: In regard to municipalities, Government are under this painful dilemma. Many municipalities approach Government and ask them to start water works. Thus water works are brought into existence. Then, one morning, they wake up and say that they cannot pay their agreed contribution. For they know that water cannot be cut off. They decline to pay the money. Unless we are assured that such a phenomenon will not recur, Government will be very loath to spend money on municipalities on the basis of part contribution. The municipalities must put their own houses into order and see that what they promise is carried out and they must set up the requisite agency for carrying out their obligations.

Income to Government from the Travancore Minerals Company, Chavara.

91 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of duty paid by the Travancore Minerals Company, Chavara, in 1113, 1114, and 1115;

(*b*) the amount of income tax, and super tax, if any, paid by the company in 1113, 1114 and 1115; and

(*c*) the amount of any other sum paid by them to Government in 1113, 1114 and 1115?

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MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: (*a*) No duty was paid by the Travancore Minerals Co., during 1113, 1114 and 1115. The royalty paid by the Company for the last three lease years is stated below:

Lease year.	*Bh. Rs.*	*As.*	*P.*
1937-38	1,57,415	0	6
1938-39	2,07,392	5	1
1939-40	1,93,680	1	0

(*b*) The information is confidential.

(*c*) The other amounts paid by the Company are as follows:

Year.	*Amount.* Rs	Ch.	C.	*Nature of income.*
1113	21	16	10	Land tax.
1114	34	19	0	do.
1115	43	27	5	do.
	234	21	0	Lease amount.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the amount of royalty charged on ilmenite, monosite, and zircon, per ton?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Ilmenite 12 as per ton.
Monazite Rs. 30 per ton.
Zircon Rs. 7½ per ton.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: In view of the enormous profit made by the Travancore Minerals Company, may I know whether the member is of the opinion that the share got by the Government is proportionate to the income derived by the Company?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: The royalty was fixed up in the year 1928.

PRESIDENT: When this Government gave 100 miles of property and liberty to exploit as much as they chose, they fixed the royalty also.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any particular reason for not getting any duty from the Company?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: There is no particular reason so far as this Company is concerned.

PRESIDENT: No man's income tax or super tax is to be made known to any other person. That is the principle followed by all civilized countries. There will be people who will be interested to know a particular man's or concern's income tax or super tax and they will be trying to get the information directly or indirectly.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): According to the provisions of the Income tax Rules, may I know whether it is an individual's income tax that is to be kept confidential or whether it is the total income derived.

PRESIDENT: There are certain difficulties in disclosing the total income-tax that Government have derived from a certain individual or concern. Suppose the income-tax paid by A, B or C is made known,

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that will lead to much complication and mischief which would give rise to results which are not foreseen. Side by side with the collection of income-tax, there are a group of people who successfully evade the payment of income-tax. So, if the amount paid in respect of one company is made known, other companies will try to pursue the method followed by that company and, as a matter of fact, that will defeat the purpose of Government to know who all try to evade assessment. That is the real point.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : ഇൻകംടാക്സ് ഇടാക്കുന്നതെല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെന്റ കണക്കിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണോ?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : ഇൻകംടാക്സ് വരവ് ഇനത്തിൽ കൊള്ളിക്കാവുന്നതാണെങ്കിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചുകാണും.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : അങ്ങനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഈ ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ കാൺഫിഡൻഷ്യലാണെന്നു പറയുവാനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണ്?

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN : ഇവരെല്ലാം കാൺഫിഡൻഷ്യലായിട്ടാണു കണക്കു തരുന്നത്.

Receipts and disbursements of the Transport Department.

92. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the budget estimate, the revised estimates and the actuals of the receipts of the Transport Department for 1113, 1114 and 1115; and

(*b*) the budget estimates, the revised estimates and the actuals of the disbursements of the Department for 1113, 1114 and 1115 ?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*) :

	Budget Estimate. Rs.	Revised Estimate. Rs.	Actuals. Rs.
(*a*) *Receipts.*			
1113	...	3,68,000	3,56,254
1114	13,82,000	9,00,000	8,82,000
1115	12,87,000	14,31,400	13,95,010
(*b*) *Disbursements.*			
1113	...	2,52,900	3,04,433
1114	10,57,000	8,59,800	8,70,966
1115	10,20,265	13,91,200	13,76,941

Net Profit of the Transport Department.

93. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state what is the net profit of the Transport Department in 1115 ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Rs. 61,616-13-14.

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